

Implementing the Revised School Meal Recipes and Discontinuing Outdated School Recipes

Purpose:

This instruction sets forth the policy for guidance on the implementation of revised USDA recipes and for discontinuing the use of old recipes.

Scope:

Sponsors participating in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and/or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Description:

Beginning July 1, 2006, the revised recipes contained in the *USDA Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs – Schools*, currently posted at the National Food Service Management Institute's website, should be the only USDA recipes used for meeting the school meal requirements for Federal reimbursement. The recipes are currently available online at: http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_recipe_index_alpha.html (all of the recipes are listed in alphabetical order) and http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_recipe_index_number.html (all of the recipes are listed by order of recipe number).

As of June 30, 2006, the following USDA recipes should no longer be used for meeting school meal requirements for Federal reimbursement:

- 1988 Quantity Recipes for School Food Service;
- 1995 Tool Kit for Healthy School Meals;
- Recipes containing Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points based on the 1999 *Food Code*, provided on CD from the NFSMI;
- Chef Challenge recipes; or
- any other USDA recipes published prior to the revised (April 2005) school meal recipes.

Schools need to be aware that some of the software used by schools for nutrient analysis may not currently contain the correct version of the recipes. While all USDA approved software programs already include the updated nutrient values in their inclusion of CN database release 9, some software companies had previously and voluntarily included complete recipes with ingredients in their software. However, the ingredient recipes in these additions to the software may not be the revised recipes and should not be used unless they are verified to be the revised version. Schools should also note that USDA does not review the accuracy of

voluntarily added software features; therefore, if schools choose to use ingredient recipes included in software programs they are using them at their own discretion.

To assist schools with the implementation of the revised recipes, Team Nutrition plans to distribute a recipe publication in late spring 2006. Schools that are already using the revised (April 2005) recipes are encouraged to continue using them. Schools that are not currently using the revised recipes are encouraged to begin using them as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 2006.

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